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Dear Mother & Folks

I hope everyone is fine at home. Had letters from Mother, Marion, Dot & Em today. Glad that you all liked Frank very much. I had a letter from him yesterday written on Oct 7th. Everything is pretty quiet here. They have us moving now & keep us real busy. The rumor now has it we will head for Germany next week. & don't care where we are and now for one country is just like another. Our food is fair here. Getting used to this Army chow. Still a few things I can't eat & turnips & liver. I've put on about 33 pounds since coming in the Army so I hit the scale about 152.

Had a letter from Charlie Jewell a few days ago. We expect to be

shipped out real soon.

Fred Gallo ~~is~~ is in Germany in some Military Goverment outfit Expects to start home soon. Things have slowed up lately & it doesn't look any too good for my getting home for Christmas. We still have some 37 year old men & they should have gone long ago.

Those Souvinirs were returned for some reason. Guess I'll just have to bring them home with me. There are still 85 painters waiting to go home & should be the first to leave so I am the highest in points, but you can't tell about this dear army. Glad F.H.S. at least tied Midway. It must have been a fine game. Time to sign off. Will write soon

Love to all

"Dick"